

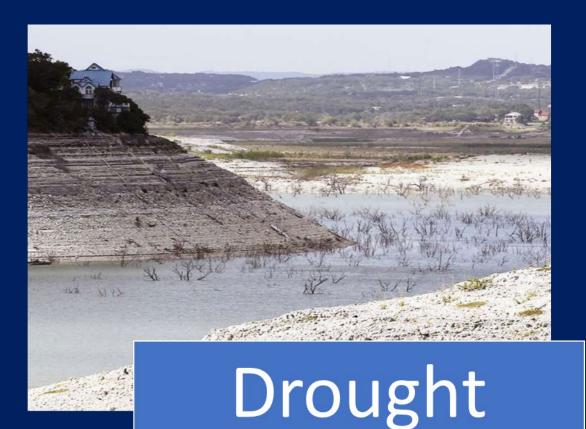
State Water
Plan:
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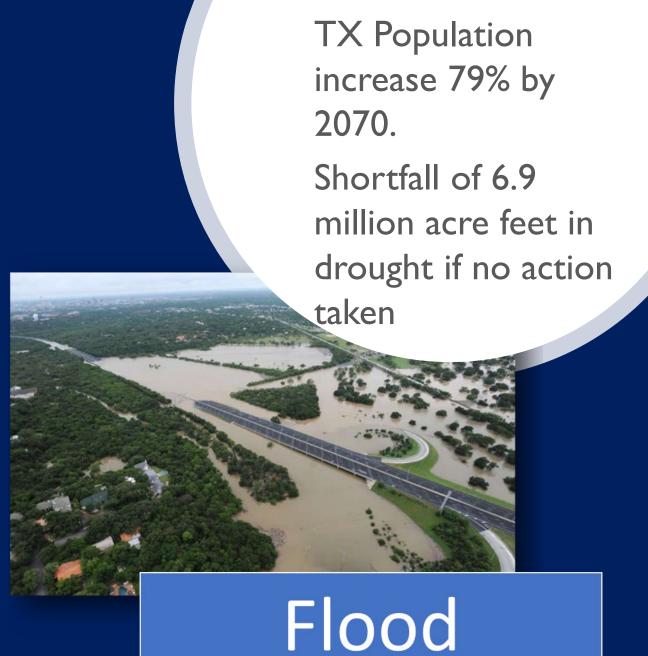
2022 State Water Plan

WATER FOR TEXAS



Texas Water Development Board





2002 State Water Plan counted on water conservation

- 68,000 AF/Year Municipal Savings
- 867,000 AF/Year Agricultural Savings

Formed Task Force to "help us implement the State Water Plan"

2004 Task Force Report Recommended:

- Form permanent advisory group
- Set targets/goals for savings
- Set per capita targets for saving
- Fund statewide conservation campaign
- Fund state ET network
- Help Fund Conservation Programs
- Establish Conservation BMP Guide for Texas

2003: Water
Conservation Task
Force

Water Conservation Advisory Council (WCAC)

Tx Leg established WCAC in 2007

Mission Statement

To establish a professional forum for the continuing development of water conservation resources, expertise, and progress evaluation of the highest quality for the benefit of Texas — its state leadership, regional and local governments, and general public.

Many Stakeholders Represented on WCAC

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Department of Agriculture
- Texas Wildlife Department
- Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board
- Regional Water Planning Groups
- Federal Agencies
- Municipalities
- Groundwater Conservation Districts
- River Authorities
- Environmental Groups
- Irrigation Districts
- Professional Associations Focused on W. Conservation

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- Higher Education
- Agricultural Groups
- Refining & Chemical Manufacturing
- Electric Generation
- Mining & Recovery of Minerals
- Landscape Irrigation & Horticulture
- Water Control & Implementation Districts
- Rural Water Users
- Municipal Utility Districts

- (1) monitor trends in water conservation implementation;
- (2) monitor new technologies
- (3) monitor the effectiveness of the statewide water conservation public awareness
- (4) develop and implement a state water management resource library
- (5) develop and implement a public recognition program for water conservation
- (6) monitor the implementation of water conservation strategies by water users included in regional water plans
- (7) monitor target and goals

Produce report to the Legislature on progress made in conservation in Texas (every even numbered year)

Tasks of WCAC

2015 Leg. Update:

Clarified that WCAC should provide recommendations for legislation

Texas Is
Serious
About
Irrigation



The correct practice of irrigation as a science and profession is essential for the protection and conservation of the water resources of the state and should be conducted by individuals who are held to the highest ethical standards.

The legislature has vested the commission with the authority and duty to establish and enforce standards of professional conduct and ethics for practitioners in the irrigation industry.

Per Texas Legislature TCEQ may adopt by rule & enforce landscape irrigation standards governing:

- Connection to water supply
- Design, installation & operation
- Water conservation
- Duties & responsibilities of licensed irrigators

TCEQ Shall consult the Irrigator Advisory Council (IAC)

What did TX Leg empower?